

Remarks

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-16, and 19-23 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 17, and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-16 and 19 have been amended. Claims 22 and 23 are newly added. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-21 were allowed. Independent claim 19 effectively corresponds to the combination of claims 17 and 18. Claim 19 has been corrected by adding "IR" in the final line.

Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, and 18 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The objection to claims 7 and 18 is moot in view of their cancellation.

New independent claim 22 corresponds to the combination of existing claims 1 and 4, which the examiner has indicated as being allowable. New independent claim 23 corresponds to the combination of existing claims 1 and 7, which the examiner has also indicated as being allowable.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 16 have been amended to depend from claim 22, and are therefore deemed allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. Claims 3, 8, 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from claim 23 and are therefore also deemed allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

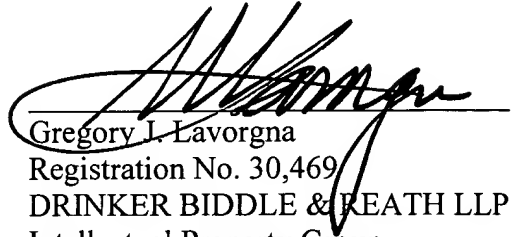
The rejection of claim 17 is moot in view of its cancellation.

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-16, and 19-23 are all in condition for allowance, and requests that allowance of all claims be granted at the earliest date possible.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this amendment and response, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (215) 988-3309.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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